

NEWS RELEASE

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UTAH BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING TO MEET IN TWO-DAY SESSION

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining has scheduled hearings on Tuesday, August 21, 2007, and Wednesday, August 22, 2007, in the auditorium of the Utah Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The unusual two-day hearing is the result of a large number of docketed items, as well as the time expected to deal with them.

The meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m. on the 21st, resume at 9:00 a.m. on the 22nd with an informal briefing session conducted by the director of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, and the formal agenda will then continue beginning at 10:00 a.m.

AUGUST 21, 2007

The Board will hear the following matter beginning at 1:00 p.m.

1. Docket No. 2007-015, Cause No. C/007/0013-LCE07 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Petitioner; Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Respondent; and UtahAmerican Energy, Inc., Respondent-Intervenor; Request for Board Review of the Division's May 18, 2007 Issuance of a Permit for Mining Operations on the Lila Canyon Extension, Horse Canyon Mine, Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah.

While the Board may be asked to hear a request for injunction, technical legal procedures are expected to be decided. This is not an evidentiary hearing.

AUGUST 22, 2007

The Board will hear the following matters beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Board will decide that morning the order in which they will be heard.

1. Docket No. 2007-015, Cause No. C/007/0013-LCE07 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Petitioner; Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Respondent; and UtahAmerican Energy, Inc., Respondent-Intervenor; Request for Board Review of the Division's May 18, 2007 Issuance of a Permit for Mining Operations on the Lila Canyon Extension, Horse Canyon Mine, Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah.

This matter will carry over from August 21st and appear only if additional time is required.

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2. Docket No. 2006-031, Cause No. 238-04 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of Newfield Production Company for Approval of Enhanced and Secondary Recovery Operations in the Green River Formation in Section 35, Township 8 South, Range 17 East, SLM, Duchesne and Uintah Counties, Utah, for Authority for Underground Injection of Water, and Certification as an Enhanced Recovery Project.

The Board will consider the recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law generated by a hearing examiner from an August 14, 2007 hearing.

3. Docket No. 2007-002, Cause Nos. S/027/024 & S/001/035 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of David L. Penney to Appeal the Cessation Orders and Penalties issued by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining for the Little Spot Mine in Millard County and the Sliver 1-2 Mine in Beaver County, Utah.

This is a continued matter from the July hearing.

4. Docket No. 2007-006, Cause No. 139-76 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of Elizabeth B. Koch, Petitioner, to Compel Operators Forest Oil Corporation and El Paso Exploration & Production Company, Respondents, to Account For and Pay Royalties Due on Production from two wells located in Section 21, Township 2 South, Range 4 West, USM, Duchesne County, Utah.

Board will hear from parties who agree royalties are due but disagree on a settlement.

5. Docket No. 2007-013, Cause No. 121-03 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of Western Energy Operating, LLC for Approval of Unit Operations and Enhanced and Secondary Recovery Operations in the Park City and Weber Formations in Sections 22-27, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, S.L.M., Uintah County, Utah, for Authority for Underground Injection of Gas and Water, and Certification as an Enhanced Recovery Project.

Board will consider approval of an enhanced recovery project.

6. Docket No. 2007-017, Cause No. 142-03 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of Flying J Oil & Gas Inc. for an Order Establishing 80-acre (or substantial equivalent thereof) Lay-down (horizontal) Drilling Units for the Production of Oil and Associated Gas and Hydrocarbons from the Lower Green River Formation, comprised of portions of Sections 23-26 inclusive, 35 and 36, Township 3 South, Range 1 East, USM, and Sections 19 and 29-33 inclusive, Township 3 South, Range 2 East, USM, Uintah County, Utah.

Board will consider a routine request for a spacing order.

7. Docket No. 2007-018, Cause No. 139-79 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of Flying J Oil & Gas Inc. for an Order Modifying the Board's Orders entered in Cause Nos. 131-14 and 139-42 to Authorize in-fill Drilling and Allow up to Four Wells for the Production of Oil and Associated Gas and Hydrocarbons from the Lower Green River-Wasatch Transitional Formations on the Established Drilling Units comprised of Sections 2, 11 and 12, respectively, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, USM, Uintah County, Utah.

Board will hear a routine request for a spacing order.